

Appl. No. 09/899,552
Response dated January 4, 2006
Reply to Office action of December 5, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

By the present amendment, claims 22-29 have been withdrawn as being directed to non-elected subject matter.

Claims 22 and 25 have been amended so that they depend on claim 1. Claim 29 has been amended to remove the multiple dependency.

The claim amendments have been made without prejudice and without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's objections. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been entered by the present amendment and entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

The Official Action dated December 5, 2005 has been carefully considered. It is believed that the claims submitted herewith and the following comments represent a complete response to the Examiner's comments and place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants provisionally elect the subject matter of Group I, namely claims 1-21, for initial examination in this application. The election is made with traverse as the Applicants submit that the searching of the different process claims would not be an undue burden upon the Office. In any event, the Examiner's comments with respect to rejoinder of the process claims is noted with appreciation. It should be noted that the claims of Groups II and III have been amended so that they depend on claim 1 and that the claims of Groups IV and V, in their original form, depend on claim 1.

The Examiner also required the election of a single disclosed species of Group I for search purposes. In response thereto, the Applicants elect species I-B, i.e. wherein

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the organic polyol silane is derived from one or more of allose, altrose, glucose, mannose, etc. (e.g. claim 5).

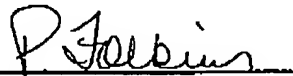
Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited. Should the Examiner deem it beneficial to discuss the application in greater detail, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at (416) 957-1683 at the Examiner's convenience.

The Applicant believes that no fee is required with this response, however, if any fee is due, please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account No. 02-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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